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Gold Card Initiative Will Help Montana's Returning Veterans Find Jobs in Civilian World

(Helena, MT) The Department of Labor and Industry is announcing the launch of a new initiative to deliver individually customized, priority job search services to Post-9/11 veterans through One-Stop Career Centers. "The intensive, personalized service the Gold Card provides will give these veterans the tools they need to navigate a difficult labor market and translate their military experience for civilian employers," said Labor Commissioner Keith Kelly. "In Montana we have the second highest percentage of veterans per capita, so we will utilize every available tool to assist the men and women who have served our country."

Veterans will be provided Gold Card certificates through the Transition Assistance Program, and though the e-Benefits portal administered by the Department of Veteran Affairs and Department of Defense. Veterans will also be able to download the Gold Card by visiting either www.whitehouse.gov/vets or www.dol.gov/vets/goldcard, or by visiting a Job Service Office.

The Gold Card entitles Post-9/11 veterans to a wide range of priority services at their local One-Stop Career Center, including:

- Job readiness assessment, including interviews and testing;
- Career guidance through group or individual counseling that helps veterans in making training and career decisions;
- Provision of labor market, occupational, and skills transferability information;
- Referral to job banks, job portals, and job openings;
- Monthly follow-up by an assigned case manager for six months.

For more information on the Gold Card, either contact your local Job Service Office, or call Veterans Employment Program Manager, Dan Bernhardt at 406-444-1630

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